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PERU SEEKS BRIEF APRIL TOUR

Peru's brilliant champion side Sporting Cristal may play three matches in Australia in April.

The ASF is likely to accept their reasonable offer for matches in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Sporting had 11 players in Peru's World Cup squad of 40 players.

Several of them went on to become stars of the '78 finals in Argentina.

Goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga, stopper Hector Chumpitaz, mid-

fielder Percy Rojas, defender Toribio Diaz and striker Juan Oblitas were starring for Peru when they beat Scotland 3-1 in Cordoba.

Together with Alianza Lima, Sporting represent Peru's soccer elite.

Until they ran out of steam, Peru were the sensation of the World Cup.

After their beating of Scotland, they drew 0-0 with Holland and whacked Iran 4-1.

The Argentine-born Quiroga ("El Loco", the madman) was one of the most colourful goalies of the series, while Oblitas was ranked as one of the greatest wingers.

Peruvian style would appeal immensely to Australian fans: they

indulge in the purest soccer with spectacular interchanges, wallpasses and fierce shots.

At the reported match fee of \$15,000 (including air fares), Sporting Cristal could provide just the financial boon the ASF needs.

The very large South American migrant population, especially in Sydney, would be certain to turn out in force.

If the tour takes place, the matches are likely to be played midweek, at night, not to interfere with the PSL program.

Meanwhile, the ASF is planning ahead for Australian soccer's centenary in 1980.

England will play one match here on June 1, in Sydney.

After that the ASF hopes to stage a four-country tournament with Australia, a South American, British and Continental team.

If Scotland fail to make the final stages of the European Championship, they are likely to get the nod from the ASF.

The South American guests may be Uruguay whose 1974 visit caused such emotional flare-ups.

The centenary year is likely to be heralded by the visit of the full Czechoslovak national side in February.

BIG CROWD FOR CUP SEMIFINALS

Unless Sydney's suffocating heatwave strikes again, Sunday's Ampol Cup semifinals at Wentworth Park should have the season's biggest crowd.

With the end of the summer daylight saving time, the matches have been brought forward to 1.15 and 3pm.

On form seen so far, APIA — almost entirely built on ex-Wests players — are now the favorites for the Cup.

Sydney City last week played percentage soccer — but look capable of improvement.

St. George also have a long way to go to reach their peak; their one-pace display last Sunday was unconvincing.

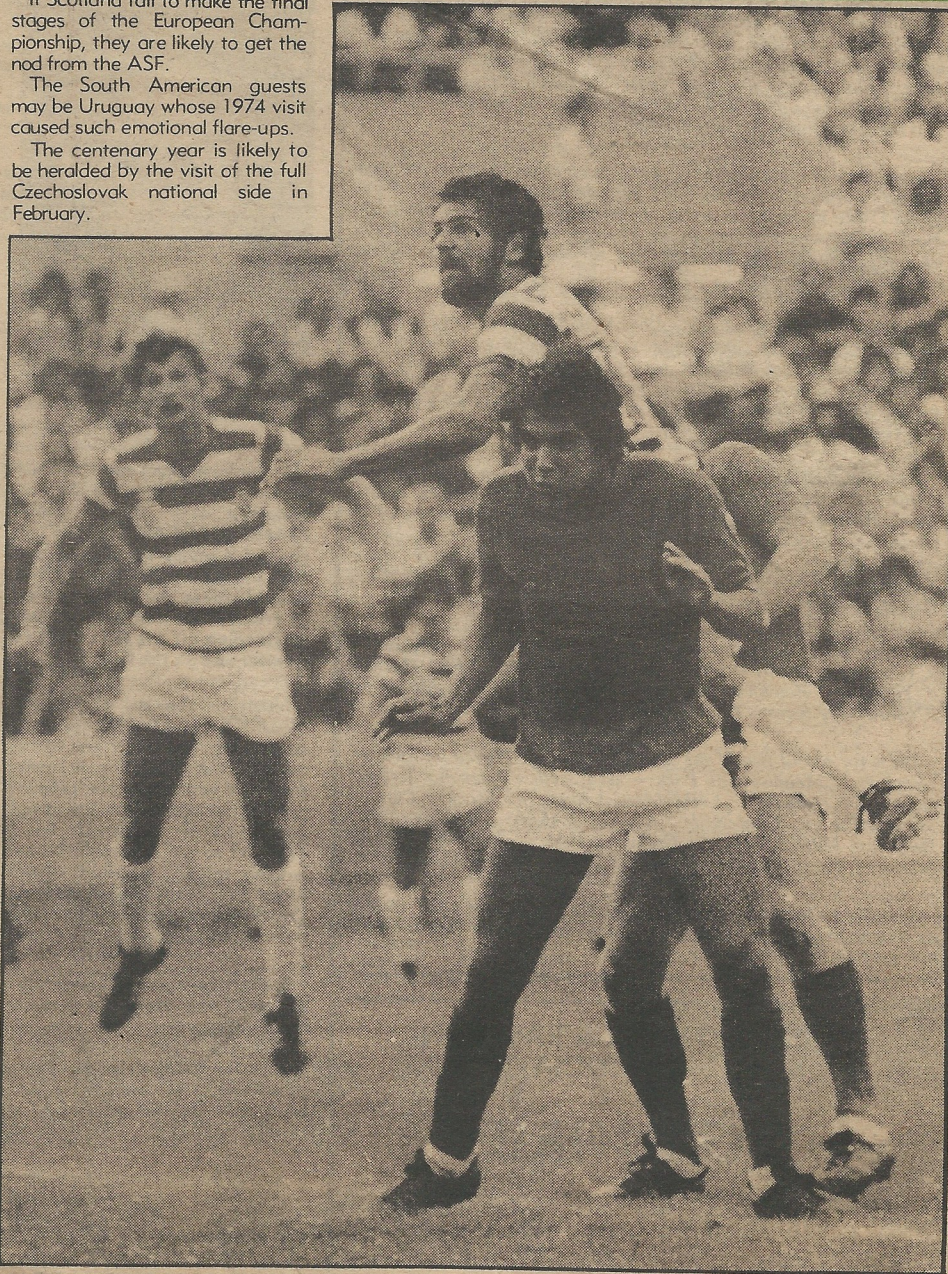
Melita, the last of the surviving State League clubs, could easily cause an upset against the Saints especially if they can field a complete team.

Whichever PSL teams reach the final, their first championship match set down for March 12 will be postponed.

So will be the Olympic v Footscray game in order not to interfere with the Ampol Cup final.

Even if APIA don't make the final, their match, too, against West Adelaide will be rescheduled.

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Olympic's bearded striker Clive Eaton rises high to meet a ball with St. George defender Robbie O'Shea literally pulling his neck in. The Saints won 1-0 with a late and somewhat lucky goal.

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Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



Campbelltown City (3rd Div.) had a successful trip to Newcastle where they met West Wallsend in a friendly fixture. City won both first and second grades, 4-2 and 1-0, but lost the third 0-2. After the games generous hospitality was shown by the Newcastle club when all players were invited for a get-together after the games. In the local Bulli Trials, the annual Campbelltown competition, City was knocked out in the semifinals and the prize money was won by Fairymeadow A team.

Ashcroft (3rd Div.) played Toongabbie second and third grades in a trial game last weekend. The result was 1-1 in the first grade, while Ashcroft reserves finished up 3-1 winners. Bill Dredge, the club's centre back utility player, in now a happy man: He was married last weekend.

West St. George (5th Div.) have appointed Bob Murphy as club coach for the new season. Before joining his new club Bob was with Bankstown Sports. West St. George played their first trial last weekend against Eastwood St. Andrews at Meadowbank Park. The reserve grade played a 2-2 draw, with Warren Keen and Rod Payne scoring for the Saints. In this game the classic goal came from Bob Darling, scoring for the opposition with a 25 metre shot. The first grade went 5-3 to West St. George, whose Bruce Walton scored a hat-trick.

Bankstown Sports (6th Div.) have appointed Alan Newell as coach with the manager being Derek Lancaster, recently arrived from England, a former fourth division Hartlepool player. The club's Federation team played their first trial game against Kissing Point, a Gladesville Association team.

Paddington Spanish (4th Div.) have at last secured a home ground for the '79 season. The field, within Drummoyne Municipality, will be Campbell Park, Chiswick.

Revesby Rovers (4th Div.) were very disappointed last Sunday, having turned up for a game that did not eventuate. The hosts, Bonnyrigg Eagles had received a confirmation for the booking of Knight Park but for some reason the Fairfield Council had not arranged for the goal posts to be erected. About 100 players and many supporters from both sides left the ground very dejected.

Ryde District (3rd Div.) played a friendly game against Winston Hills, a new club to Federation. Ryde won the second grade 2-1 but lost the first grade by the only goal of the match. Winston Hills is a well co-ordinated team and is at present coached by Noel Telford, an ex-Baulkham Hills player.

In a fortnight's time West Ryde will be the guests of Western United, a Newcastle club, and the host club will be throwing a dinner dance party after the games in honour of the visiting team.

Steve Sirdal has been elected as coach for Blacktown Wanderers (6th Div.). Steve is of Yugoslav origin and has played in former years for Yugal Prague and he is a holder of a preliminary certificate with the NSW Coaches' Federation. Amongst the club's new signings are three midfielders: Steve Charman, Terry Gay and Ron Richardson. With only the centre half position yet to be filled the coach is confident of a successful season.

Concordia (5th Div.) will again use Mahoney Oval as the home ground. The club has appointed John Cudek, an ex-Avala and APLA player, as the new coach for '79. Last season John was with Canberra Deakin side. In a friendly game against Namatjira FC, Concordia went down in both grades 2-4 and 2-3. In the first grade John Cudek scored one goal while the other was an own goal. Namatjira's president said his team was not in full condition and that there was room for improvement.

West Ryde Rovers (2nd Div.) were much relieved to see the local council workmen returfing and top dressing the L. H. Waud ground. The council has spent about \$85,000 on a new amenities block and a car park, but, in the process, council trucks had torn up part of the pitch. Hopefully all will be in readiness for the premiership matches.

Guildford County (2nd Div.) played Gladesville Ravens in round one of Umbro Cup. Both teams gave spectators a good and exciting game. Jim Williams was first to score for County with Gladesville Ravens equalising some three minutes later. The second half saw Graham Robinson and Bruno Fiore both score to give Guildford County a 3-1 win.

Padstow Park (3rd Div.) went down 3-4 and 2-3 in both grades in a trial game against Bankstown last Sunday. Despite these results coach Michael Farrel was very pleased with the performance of his players and is quite confident about the future. Three new signings for Padstow are Neil Johnson, a midfielder from Tarravanna-Wollongong, and two ex-Bankstown players, Gary Brooks, a centre defender, and Glen Ingel, a midfielder.

Umbro Cup results (Round 1): West Ryde Rovers 2 Bathurst(75) 4, Gladesville Hornsby 1 Dee Why 1, Marrickville 0 Port Hacking 4, Yagoona 2 Baulkham Hills 1, Lethbridge Park 0 Bondi Marine 0, Gladesville Ravens 1 Guildford County 3.

Draw for round two of the Umbro Cup to be played on Sunday, March 4: At Meadowbank Park — West Ryde v Yagoona, 1.45pm; Gladesville Hornsby v Lethbridge, 3.30pm. At Mackey Park — Marrickville v Gladesville Ravens, 1.45pm; Bathurst(75) v Baulkham Hills 3.30pm. At Guildford Park — Dee Why v Bondi Marine, 1.45pm; Port Hacking v Guildford County, 3.30pm.

Kingsford (3rd Div.) have retained the services of Glen Walker as coach. The club have begun training but is on the lookout for a new playing field, preferably enclosed.

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CLUB PATROL

Edited by Stephen Dettre

It looks as if Inter-Monaro have lost the talented young midfielder, PETER LAWLER — namesake of the Eureka Stockade hero — for a couple of years. Peter is touring in Europe, and the club doesn't expect him back for a long while.

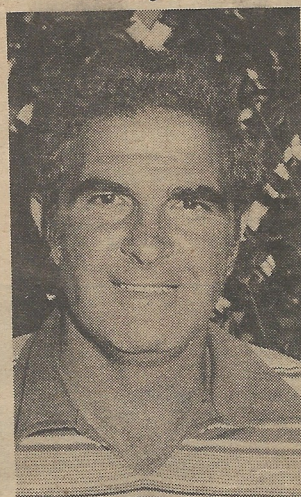
A little known fact passed before all our eyes two weeks ago when ATTI ABONYI played in his 500th league match — against his former club, St. George.

Atti kept records of all his matches, and played 166 with Melbourne club Hungaria, 269 with St. George and 65 with Croatia. It has taken him over 16 years to do it, and Atti feels very satisfied with the achievement. Obviously he was pleased with Croatia's victory, and one could sense the pleasure in his voice when he talked of the spectacular freekick goal he scored in the St. George game.

The University of NSW team has regained the services of IAN HARRIS, a former player who spent the past two years with Gladesville Hornsby. Ian, at 24, is a useful defender, and the club is pleased to regain this former student.

Bankstown are still negotiating with Sydney City over the proposed transfer of GREG LYNCH. Greg, who played with the Town on loan last season, has not played since the elimination series because of the squabble. City have a \$1500 fee on the player and Bankstown have approached the ASF over the matter.

Inter Monaro's captain ALAN BOURKE could be sidelined for a couple of weeks because of an ankle injury he received during a friendly match against Croatia Deakin.



To improve team spirit and get the new players into the club atmosphere Inter Monaro coach FRANK MACCARONE has organised a picnic for players and their wives. A series of these will be held before the season starts, as Frank feels that a better understanding off the field leads to a better one on the field.

Much to the joy of Croatia, MAURICE SULLIVAN has again decided to postpone his retirement for the time being. It seems that after two weeks, the passion for playing again was too great and Maurice contacted ATTI ABONYI to say he would be attending training sessions again. Maurice is the longest serving Croatia player, having been with the club for 10 years.

Queens Park are still negotiating with the Newtown Aussie Rules Club for the use of Erskineville Oval as their home ground for 1979. Officials of the Sydney First Division team are confident they will be granted a lease.

Inter Monaro supporters and officials are giving thanks that their "veteran" goalkeeper LAURIE PALEC didn't carry out his threat and retire before this season. Laurie, the team's vice-captain, has been in majestic form, and on several occasions has saved the side from certain defeat and big scorelines.

Young goalkeeper CRAIG CARLISLE has made a big impact within the Croatia club as a result of several fine performances in the Ampol Cup. Craig, from the Manly district, is only 20, and ATTI ABONYI feels he has a fine future with Croatia.

Polonia's BRENDAN CAR-RUTHERS became a father last week when his wife, MAY, gave birth to a baby boy. Our congratulations, as well as the best wishes from all Brendan's friends at Queens Park, his former club.



Former Western Suburbs defender BOBBY NOBLE has been signed by Inter Monaro for the 1979 season. Bobby, who partnered PETER WILSON in the solid Wests backline before being sidelined with injury, signed last Saturday morning. Almost immediately he and his wife began looking for a place to live, as they will move to live in Queanbeyan or Canberra.

Queens Park sweeper ROBBIE COYLE celebrated his 20th birthday the week before last, on the day when the team beat APLA 3-1 in the Umbro International Shield.

Bankstown have retained their 1978 coach, ROGER BAMBORTH, after the highly promising start made by the team to the present season. After six games, including the play-off series, the Town have only lost one match, to Marconi. Roger is being assisted by GERRY MESTRUM.

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) Soccer Club is on the lookout for any uni students willing to play in the under-18 side. Obviously because of the age factor the team is scraping to get a full quota, so if you attend UNSW or know someone who does, give ANTHONY RIDINGS a call on 597-1306.

Queens Park will be organising a CAR RALLY on March 11, starting at Darley Road, Bondi Junction. Entry fee will be \$5 per car. A barbecue will be held at the destination, and salads, soft

PAPUA NEEDS SOME HELP

Referee BRIAN THOMPSON has returned to Sydney after a two-year business appointment in Port Moresby.

For one year he conducted referees' courses to improve the Papua-New Guinea standards, and then he acted as adviser.

He refereed club championships and provincial championship matches, and also one match against Iranjaya.

He believes that the local players have a natural feeling for soccer, and it often continues when they play other codes as well.

Rugby league in the area is strongly patronised by Australians, as is the Australian Rules body, which has a fulltime secretary.

If PNG soccer could obtain higher quality administrators, possibly from Australia, it could surge further ahead.

There remains a strong German influence in soccer in PNG, especially in the Lae area, which is particularly well organised.

drinks and other "goodies" will be provided. You provide meat and alcohol. For further details contact MRS ERICKSON, 389-3498.

Long time UNSW player KEN ROOTSEY has left the club and joined his brother CHRIS at Bankstown.

Inter Monaro's classy defender, GERALD CRAWFORD, who has been out of action for the past nine months after cartilage trouble, has resumed training with Inter Monaro and should be back in action soon.

Croatia Sydney went to Melbourne last weekend to play Fitzroy in a friendly, and this coming weekend will travel up to Coffs Harbour to play a local select team.

Avala, at present just playing training games, are looking for more players for the lower grades. Interested players should contact the club.

ALAN DOBSON, secretary of the Referees' Federation, has over 100 referees on the books for the coming season. To reasonably cover Federation matches another 30 would be required. Anyone interested could contact him on 631-8419.

JOHN JANICEK is Marconi's director of junior coaching for the year. He has been a tower of strength with many clubs over the years and certainly will give a hand in producing more talent for the club. Luciano Nesti once again handles the second team, with Ron Corry looking after the thirds and the goalkeepers.

Polonia's RICHARD BUDINI will be three months with his wrist in plaster. He had a flat tyre on the way to work, the jack slipped and the wheel hit his wrist. The club will also miss BILL ZOUNIS, who has asked for transfer-listing, and STEVE FISHER, whose Navy duties this year will leave him unable to train at all during the week.

We express our heartfelt condolences to Toongabbie manager BILL PARKHOUSE, whose wife

died suddenly last week. She had stood by him over the many years that he helped move Toongabbie through from the bottom to almost the top ranks. Their son Laurie is currently one of the club's leading defenders.

Referees LES RAE and NOEL HARRIMAN will conduct a course for potential senior referees, cadet referees over 14 years and anyone generally interested in improving their knowledge of the Laws of the Game. It will be held at 28 Kent St., Belmore, and no charge is involved. The dates are March 7, 13 and 21, with an examination on March 28. Any further details can be obtained by ringing 53-9364 (evenings).

It's Italian night at the SUTHERLAND SHIRE Soccer Club on Saturday, March 3. The club promises an outstanding do for all who like to come along.

Arnccliffe Scots' ANDY TRACEY missed out last week due to a damaged left ankle. And MATT GUILDEA will resume when the gash on his head is healed.

At 11pm on Radio 2EA each Sunday night the sports session, including a large soccer segment, goes to air. Announcers will give the details in a different language each week. At 11.30pm the station crosses live to Radio Athens for a direct broadcast from the Greek first division.

Revesby's sponsorship from CTC lines has been increased for 1979, giving the club a bit more to "play" with on the transfer market to strengthen the side further.

Marrickville Olympic coach JIM GALLAGHER is very pleased with the club's new acquisitions: JIM BRYDEN, a central striker from the amateur Western United; JOE RAMAGE, left winger from Blacktown, and new masseur MARIO MIRAN, from Arnccliffe.

Leading referee TONY BOSKOVIC has every reason to recall a trip to the Spanish Club last week. The right numbers came up and Tony is now \$1628 to the good!

Now it's two ball games

The world's two most popular ball games — basketball and soccer — will combine in a unique promotion in Sydney this year, giving Australian sports lovers what must undoubtedly be the bargain of the decade.

The clubs involved are both called Sydney City; both play in their respective national leagues and both field some of the best players in Australia.

They decided to combine their efforts in an attempt to restore top class sport's image in this country as family entertainment.

In a refreshing example of co-operation, rather than senseless rivalry between sports, the two clubs will issue joint tickets at bargain rates for several of their home games, promote each other's sports at those games, link up for a combined publicity campaign and take the great games of basketball and soccer directly to the public of the City of Sydney.

The first salvo in a saturation campaign will be fired at a special "Lunchtime Happening" at Martin Place on Monday, at 12 noon, when the outstanding stars of the two teams — hailing from countries as far apart as Brazil, the United States, Britain and, of course, Australia — are to demonstrate their skills, hold competitions for onlookers and give away free tickets to some of the games at Wentworth Park and Alexandria Basketball Stadium.

On Sunday, March 25, basketball and soccer combine once again in a day-long extravaganza. With a single ticket, selling at \$2.50 (or a family ticket which for \$5.00 admits two adults and two children), sports fans will be entertained, fed and treated to some top-notch action.

The program will start at Wentworth Park, where Sydney City basketballers will hold clinics and contests before the top-of-the-table Philips League clash

between Sydney City and Marconi, with further exhibitions by the basketballers and an American-style entertainment show at halftime.

Following the final whistle fans will be invited to "meet the players" of both codes and have a drink and a meal at Wentworth Park's restaurant.

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STONE: TOTTENHAM WAS WORTH A TRIP • Byrne: Loyalty to Marconi lost

From Tottenham's well appointed White Hart Lane to Drummoyne Oval is one big hop, step and jump — that's the traumatic homecoming for Soccerroo Peter Stone.

"I'm afraid I have to get used to it once again. After a while, it will look like only a dream."

Stone, who emerged as one of the new stars on the 1977 Soccerroo tour, spent our summer recess furthering his soccer education in England and that's exactly what you'd expect from an intelligent school teacher.

"Originally I went to Tottenham with the secret hope that

"That Ardiles," he sighs, "what a player... incredible skill. He rides all tackles and has a perfect temperament. He's the darling of the crowds."

"He is very quiet and likes to keep to himself. Villa, on the other hand, is the practical joker of the team. He's very, very good but has been plagued by injuries. Wait till he's fit!"

While with the club, Stone and

Two of Australia's brightest young stars, Peter Stone and Gary Byrne, returned from overseas in February — with somewhat different impressions.

ANDREW DETTRE reports.

two pitches, dressing facilities, showers, the lot.

"At the stadium, under the stands, they have two large gyms. "We trained five times a week, with Sundays off."

"I used to take the bus to White Hart Lane and then join some other players in a mini-bus to go to the training ground."

"Tottenham is a very conservative club and they expect their players to behave impeccably even off the field."

"For example, when we went to watch the first team play, we had to wear coat and tie for the stands."

"Once I went on the terraces to drink in the atmosphere of the real supporters—and what an atmosphere there is."

"Usually a small group goes to the stadium with a few prepared chants — and when they start, all the others just follow. It's not orchestrated, but all spontaneous. What a lift to the team!"

Stone, one of the best midfielders in Australia, came back with a few new ideas on modern midfield play.

"The top players in England have much more vision than we do," he says.

"They have the ability to switch the point of attack. Here we are inclined to get our head down a bit; if we are on the right side, we'll play down the right lane until the attack is finished."

"Ardiles, Brooking, Curry, Brady and other top players build up on one side — then pick up a man on the other flank with a 40-metre pass."

They also have the ability and confidence to beat a man, to take on a challenge.

"It's not only a passing game; they can penetrate and beat a man to gain space."

"Of course, nobody does it better than Keegan. I saw him against Northern Ireland — quite unbelievable; so sharp, so skilled and alert."

Stone says he now realises that in Australia we don't encourage youngsters to develop their individual skills; in fact, we are apt to squash it.

"I think I have learned a lot while there and I know what new elements to build into my game."

"You have to be more creative, more dynamic and make more space for yourself in midfield."

"There is no great midfield play without that. So that's what I'll be aiming at from now on."

He says English soccer is rising fast once again, after years of crisis.

"They have the stars and these produce new excitement. I think the sudden emergence of a few brilliant colored players had something to do with it."

"Clubs don't have to have any pre-match promotion: just sending a top team on the pitch is all the fans want."

"Of course, soccer there has no real competition, they're lucky in that respect."

Stone left as a Western Suburbs player and returned to APIA which, in the meantime, took over.

"I can't deny that I was a bit unhappy at first about it: everything tied me to Wests which, after Adamstown, was only my second senior club."

"I'm also sorry that players like Harding, Eaton and Fisher won't be with us this year."

"But I hope it works out well with APIA. I still have one year to go on my contract."

Stone returns to Enfield Primary School in May where he will again teach the 8 and 9-year-olds the fundamentals of the three Rs.

He will also continue coaching the school's soccer team — the kids are much luckier than most in having him at the helm instead of a disinterested schoolmaster.

"Those few weeks in London made me realise just how far Australia is behind Europe in soccer," he says with some resignation.

"It's two different worlds. But still, this is my home and I wanted to come back."

"If I can use my short experience in England for the improvement of soccer in Australia, maybe it wasn't such a waste of time after all."

Travel not only broadens the mind; it also produces some basic, almost metaphysical changes in some people.

When Marconi's young Soccerroo Gary Byrne left for Europe last June to try his luck, he was a nice, quiet, almost unassuming Australian boy with mainly soccer and Marconi on his mind.

And when he returned to Sydney early February, he was a battle-hardened veteran, a survivor of some rough shellshocks.

He joined Marconi eight years ago, at 16, and his contract runs for one more season.

"I have a clause in my contract that if I go overseas, Marconi can ask for a transfer fee," he says.

"Fair enough. But they assured me before I had left that they'd be considerate and wouldn't make it impossible for me to test my skills. Yet they did."

If the experience did not make him bitter, it made him more pragmatic.

"I've lost a lot of my enthusiasm for the game and my loyalty to Marconi," he says.

"They prevented me from achieving my aim: To play soccer in Germany for about two years."

"They were unfair and greedy. So, from now on, I'm not fighting for Marconi but for myself."

"What else can I do, after that treatment? I'm getting paid for playing and I'll do my best."

"I haven't got much choice: Either to keep playing with Marconi or chuck it in."

"And I want to play and get back into the Soccerroo team. After all, I'm only 24."

Byrne's saga began shortly after his arrival in West Germany; he was met by an agent in Frankfurt who whipped up a modest amount of publicity for him.

Soon enough, a second division club called KSV Baunatal contacted him and offered him a trial.

After about four days Baunatal told Byrne that they were sufficiently impressed to offer him a contract.

"I telephoned Rasic and asked him how much Marconi would accept for me," he says.

"Rasic said \$50,000. He also told me not to ring him again as he would only negotiate with the club."

Shellshock number one. Baunatal, meanwhile, very decently put up Byrne and wife Georgia in a smart hotel and paid all their expenses.

He was attending training sessions while negotiations with Marconi continued.

The Germans tried to get the fee down from that unrealistic height and finally Marconi "re-lented": They'd accept \$10,000 per year on a loan basis.

The drama went on for several weeks; Byrne was training and waiting, Baunatal was picking up their expenses and still hoping to buy him while Marconi was sending obscure and confusing telegrams.

"After seven weeks I couldn't stay any longer and accept their hospitality, so we left."

"I heard that Viktoria Koln would be interested so we got on the train and went there."

"From the railway station we went straight to the ground. I put our luggage in a corner, stripped and joined them."

"After the training an official said they would be happy to have me and drove us to a first class hotel and arranged our stay at the club's expense."

Things were again looking up for Byrne; Viktoria Koln offered him \$25,000 for a year including \$7500 signing on fee.

They also offered a \$15,000 transfer fee to Marconi which is about the norm in German second division.

"Marconi again refused. They wanted that plus some of my share and also another 20% of the next transfer fee if I left Koln."

"The Germans were confused; they didn't even understand a badly phrased telegram from Sydney."

"We trained daily with Viktoria Koln; even the day before and after the match. Sometimes even on the morning of the match."

"I don't think I'll be as fit again in my life as I was there."

"And their skill... it's all flick,

flick, flick, the ball travels from man to man, a very patient, precise build-up."

"One deadline expired after the other; I trained daily and enjoyed it hugely but nothing came of it."

"A Telecom strike made it even more difficult to contact Sydney; I tried to reach the ASF but couldn't."

"And when I saw that Marconi were again being unreasonable and greedy, after four weeks we left."

The next few months the

Byrnes spent in England and the USA as ordinary tourists.

"I didn't dare approach an English club as I knew that Marconi would demand even more for me. So I forgot about soccer."

The usually reserved if not shy Byrne is quite outspoken on soccer's prospects in Australia.

"It's grim," he says, "it just doesn't seem to get off the ground."

"We had a chance to break through after 1974 but we failed. Look at the daily newspapers:



I'd make their first team and they'd sign me but it's terribly hard to break in," he says.

"So after a short while I decided to treat it as an experience and return to Australia where I feel my future is."

Stone had little trouble making Tottenham's reserve team — a couple of cuts above the junior sides where a year earlier Mark Samuels and Alan Fisher had spent a brief sojourn.

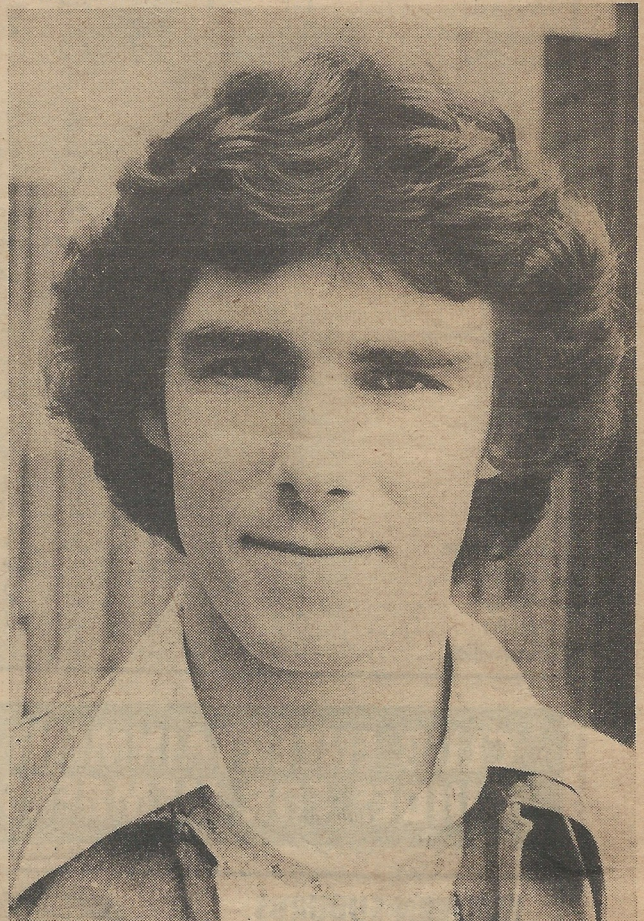
"Even the reserve team was bristling with talent," he says. "We had the Argentinian Villa, the England under-23 star Hoddle, the Northern Ireland player Armstrong as well as Gorman and Chris Jones."

"They are top of the reserve league by some 10 points and should romp in."

Peter Stone played four consecutive matches with the reserves — then six were called off because of the weather.

He played at Highbury against Arsenal and scored at White Hart Lane against Leicester.

His Soccerroo status was neither ridiculed nor over-rated: Tottenham is teeming with British and Argentine internationals including two world champions...



Four pages of rugby and two inches of soccer. And our conditions... will we ever learn?"

Was he surprised to find Rale Rasic gone from the club?

He wasn't.

"I feel Rasic let the team down badly in 1978," he says. "We had a huge lead and should have never lost it."

"He started to mess about with the side, make useless changes."

"Brogan played well at fullback but he was dropped; I was shifted there and Richards, unfit, was brought in."

"Vieri, so good on the ball, wasn't much use when we had to fight for the points."

Byrne has just started a new job with IBM as a computer operator — and it's shiftwork.

"One week in every three I must work shift and can't train with the team."

"I'll try to train in daytime. A couple of years ago I would have passed up such a job because it was only soccer for me."

"Not any more. It's now family, job and soccer strictly in that order."

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Avala	1-5	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
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Marconi	1-2	1-1	5-0	4-1	1-0
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Monaro	1-1	2-4	2-4	2-2	2-1
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Yugal	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1
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AMPOL CUP QUARTERFINALS

SYDNEY CITY 1 (0)
SUTHERLAND 0 (0)

Goal: 1-0 Trenter (72m).



• Sydney City's John Stevenson: winning goal came from his perfect corner.

ST. GEORGE 1 (0)
SYD. OLYMPIC 0

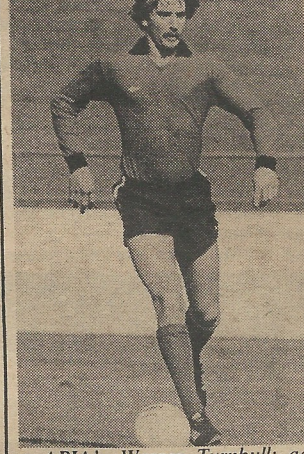
Goal: 1-0 Cotton (80m).



• St. George's George Harris: booked for an allegedly over-tough tackle.

APIA 2 (0)
MARCONI 1 (1)

Goals: 0-1 Jankovics (36m), 1-1 Scott (63m), 2-1 Scott (pen. 73m).



• APIA's Warren Turnbull: adding height to the solid defence of his team.

MELITA 1 (0)
YUGAL 0

Goal: 1-0 R. Farrugia (81m).



• Melita's busy midfield general McAusland: toiled ceaselessly for narrow victory.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 4, Kershaw 3 (Bruce 84m), Trenter 3, O'Connor 3, Souness 4, Stevenson 3, Watson 3, Barnes 4, Campbell 3, Smith 3, Silva 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 4, Woods 3, Wykes 3, R. Smith 4, Dal Forno 4, K. Schumann 4, Hall 4, P. Smith 3, Beggs 4, Basterfield 4, Murphy 3 (Watkiss 70m). **Coach:** J. Watkiss.

Referee: D. Rennie.

Crowd: 6795 (double-header).

ST. GEORGE: Coe 4, Harris 3, Della Pica 4, Barton 3, R. O'Shea 4, Grosse 3, Hensman 2 (Duarte 66m), J. O'Shea 2, Matic 3, Cotton 3, O'Connor 3. **Coach:** J. Gelei.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 3, G. Allan 4 (Wilson 65m), Ainslie 3, Bell 3, Gibson 3, Cross 3, Laing 3, Raskopoulos 3, Jamieson 4, McIntosh 2, Eaton 3. **Coach:** J. Marston.

Referee: P. Rampley. **Cautions:** Harris.

Crowd: 5025 (double-header).

St. George were very drab for most of this match and it looked for a long time that all Olympic would have to do was score once and the match would be theirs. As it turned out the Saints scored and won. Olympic relied too heavily on aimless crosses, nearly all of which were swirled away because of the wind. In fact when they played a quick passing game they put St. George under a great deal of pressure. In the second half they came close on three occasions and but for the great reactions of Martin Coe Saints would have bowed out. Coe reacted to shots from Jamieson, then a flying header from Allan, before again denying Jamieson's rocket from 20 metres to keep Olympic at bay. Saints lacked a ball winning midfield, with John O'Shea having his most ineffectual match for a long time. It was only in the last 15 minutes, when Roy Cotton became involved, that St. George looked positive. before that they were very ordinary, and it would be fair to say that the first match of the day between Melita and Yugal provided more entertainment. Saints clinched victory when Cotton's speculative 35-metre shot was picked up by the wind and swept past Gary Meier into the net.

— K. Gilmour

APIA: Woodhouse 4, Skellern 4, Turnbull 3, Wilson 4, Rowden 3, Stone 4, Butler 4, Reed 4 (Drews 68m 4), Scott 5, O'Donnell 3 (Richards 64m 3), Vernon 5. **Coach:** J. Adam.

MARCONI: Maher 5, Brogan 3, Russell 3, Prskalo 4 (Vieri 41m 3), Degney 4, Byrne 3, Selvage 3, Lindsay 4, Jankovics 5, Henderson 4, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Referee: R. Lorenc.

Crowd: 6795 (double-header).

Any doubting Thomases received a clear message that Jim Adam's APIA side is destined to be at least one of the best in the country this season. Mind you, Marconi gave them a few lessons in the first half, especially when Mark Jankovics caught Greg Woodhouse out with a low 12-metre drive. With skipper Ivo Prskalo in command at the back, Marconi looked good, especially as Tony Henderson was going great guns at central striker. Prskalo, who had doubts about a knee ligament injury before the game, was forced off and Roberto Vieri was not happy with his nagging leg injury when he came on as replacement. Terry Butler's tremendous midfield workrate had APIA moving, and Peter Wilson swept his accurate ground passes to the front. Andy Scott notched the equaliser, and converted a penalty after Henderson brought down the effervescent John Vernon inside the box. APIA were right on top, and Scott was denied a third goal from the spot when "tarantula" Allan Maher stretched out to touch the ball around the post. All in all, a match to really whet the appetite of the Italian fans, and surely many others beside!

— K. Gilmour

MELITA: Bracklow 3, McPherson 4, Mikas 3 (Hernandez 76m), Yamine 3, McDonald 3, Darvill 4, Parker 3 (Babian 62), McAusland 3, D. Allan 3, R. Farrugia 4, Jones 3. **Coach:** R. Blanco.

YUGAL: Berry 6, Radovac 3, Duarte (sent of 15m), Prgomelja 3, Klemperer 5, Purac 3, Karanfilovski 3, Travini 3 (Nitya 57m), Gallifuoco 3, Mihailovic 3 (Rodas 75m), Delaney 3. **Coach:** T. Schwarz.

Referee: A. Boskovic. **Cautions:** Purac, Yamine. **Expulsion:** Duarte.

Crowd: 5025 (double-header).

Yugal played the more intelligent football, but they lacked a powerful punch up front and paid dearly. Karanfilovski and Mihailovic are superb ball artists, and efficient strikers, but lack a bit of force to get into the box. The Yugal attack also was unable to shoot from distances, something Melita was always eager to do. In fact, had it not been for a breathtaking display by Peter Berry, Yugal could well have gone down by four or five goals. In the first half he stunned everyone when he pulled a Don Allan header from behind him off the line, then saved from point blank range minutes later. In the second half he again saved certain goals from long range shots by Darvill and Farrugia. Melita were not as fluent as earlier in the Ampol Cup, nor as aggressive as against Granville. They didn't use their two wingers to maximum effect, and bottled up the play through the middle, much to Yugal's delight. However, after some hard work by McAusland, Darvill and Farrugia, a freekick was won, and Farrugia's shot was deflected past Berry for the only goal.

— S. Dettre

SPANOS TO STAY HOME

Young Australia defender John Spanos has decided to stay in Perth instead of joining PSL club Adelaide City.

But he will still leave his club Forrestfield and transfer to Dutch-backed Morley Windmills.

Though only 18, it is the third time Spanos has transferred to Windmills.

He announced his decision when he returned from Paraguay where he played two matches.

He wants to complete his education in WA.

Spanos, who played his first senior first division match at the age of 14, said he had an attractive offer from Adelaide City.

However, he had discovered they had also signed two senior defenders — one from Sydney and the other from New Zealand.

This would have meant the possibility of reserves soccer, he said.

His decision to join Windmills followed a move of Forrestfield coach, Dermot Buckley also to Windmills.

— Peter Argo in Perth

THREE FOR THE SEE-SAW



St. George's Della Picca (No. 3) streaks away with the ball while team mate Matic and Olympic's Ainslie dance their private duet.

AMPOL CUP 1979



INSTANT COME-BACK APIA'S DREAM

— By Keith Gilmour —

Melita expect to have Steve Ververis and Joe Farrugia fit, and also latest signing Billy Griffiths ready for the fray against St. George in their Ampol Cup semifinal.

Right-back Ververis did not risk a dicky ankle last week, but he seems certain to be fully fit.

Farrugia's twisting, turning skills will help the team, and it would not surprise if Griffiths, signed "on loan" from APIA this week, would also get a run.

Griffiths is a specialist winger of potential, and the Eagles look ordinary when their regular men crowd in too far.

Said coach Raoul Blanco: "To be realistic, St. George will be hard to handle. They are a good team."

"We will put on a good showing. We have little to lose and are determined to show why we are the last representative of State League football in the Cup."

St. George's Josef Gelei said that, with the Philips League kick-off approaching, he would rather have faced Sydney City or APIA.

"It is not because Melita is a State League club. They have a very good team and I think that they will make it very hard for me," he added.

The other match brings together Sydney City, the PSL 1978 grand final winners, and APIA.

APIA have everything to prove, and indeed they look as if they are capable of a superb display.

MELITA v ST GEORGE

Saints fans will hope that Doug Utjesenovic is back, as the cultured defender could be the man to deprive Eagles' Don Allan of the room to move in what could be one of the most skillful matches of the season to date.

St. George has not been as convincing as they might have been in their last two matches.

The defence is tight enough with Della Picca and Grosse doing well and Robert O'Shea also lending a hand.

Stefan Matic looks the midfielder the team has badly needed, but Joe Gelei must look for John O'Shea to give an enterprising, imaginative effort.

If Saints can make use of the midfield they have Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton to finish off effectively.

Again, with the "if" that Saints are in form, any result that sees Melita a goal or two down would be a feather in their caps.

SYDNEY CITY v APIA

It would be a dream comeback for APIA now that they are in the "Big League" if they could take the Ampol Cup.

This time they face up to the team that is the popular tip to head up or be runners-up in the PSL, so the task is a formidable one.

There is not much in the way of weaknesses in the APIA line-up.

Brian O'Donnell is doing much better this season so far, but he has not proved that he will hold a regular place in the team.

Robbie Drews looks outstand-

ing material, as he is always foraging and looking for a breakthrough.

At the same time he is still a youngster and cannot be expected to be at his top on every occasion.

Ian Rowden is playing soundly, and right-back Rod Skellern is playing with a maturity beyond his years.

Skellern has proved particularly effective in keeping between the attacker and the APIA goal, and his throw-in is reminiscent of his new team-mate Ray Richards at his best.

Richards has all his old skill, and whether the losing of some weight will help overcome some loss of power will shortly be seen.

UMBRO INTERNATIONAL SHIELD

University of NSW, Sydney City, Polonia and St. George have reached the finals of the Umbro International Shield.

St. George just scraped in for a semifinal spot on most goals scored ahead of Wollongong.

The teams finished equal on points and goal difference.

The semifinals will be played at Francis Park, Blacktown, on Sunday.

The winners of these matches will meet in the final at the remodelled Cook Park, St. Marys, on Saturday, March 10.

On the face of it he stands to have another big year at the top, even if it turns out to be his farewell to PSL standard.

The Sydney City power machine shows no sign of weakness — it is evenly balanced and strong from goalkeeper to left wing striker.

Talking about the left wing, Hilton Silva is not yet at his peak, but don't be surprised if John Stevenson and Terry Smith are back in their stride for a winning effort.

Gerry Chaldi could bring the new Scottish capture Ian Bruce into the defence. He is a very likely lad on his part-match last Saturday night.

THE NEW FLOODLIGHTS

The new floodlights, costing \$20,000, were turned on last week at a big opening event attended by Ken Booth, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

The weekend results were: Revesby Workers 2, Belmore 0; Marconi 3, Nepean 2; Uni of NSW 2, Polonia 2; Sydney City 3, Sydney Olympic 0; Blacktown 4, APIA 1.

Results in the Umbro Cup were: Marrickville 0, Port Hacking 3; Yagoona 2, Baulkham Hills 1; Lethbridge 0, Bondi Marines 0.

— Charles Spiteri



Melita, still in their old ASL-logged jersey, had to huff and puff most of their way into the semifinals against a depleted Yugal.

DUNLOP ENTRY BOOST TO GAME

Dunlop Footwear have made their entry into soccer to the tune of about \$40,000 a year.

On Tuesday they announced details of their extensive sponsorship of all referees on the Philips Soccer League list.

They will underwrite all the interstate travelling costs of neutral referees for PSL matches.

This will enable the PSL to bring in, for the first time, two referees also from Perth and Hobart.

At present there are 46 referees on the PSL list. They will also be outfitted by Dunlop: an all-black strip, as used in France; boots, travel bags and towels, all with the company's logo.

Dunlop will also make available a sum of money to the ASF, for use by the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation, in sending senior instructors interstate and into country centres and to buy various aids such as videos for educational.

Apart from the referees, Dunlop will also be involved with the majority of PSL clubs.

So far 11 of the 14 clubs have accepted Dunlop's offer to have their first squads outfitted with boots, training shoes, and travel gear.

One of the masterminds of the scheme is a referee himself: Terry

Seacy, 38, Dunlop's marketing manager.

An Englishman who arrived here less than two years ago, Terry is on the State League referees' list and a PSL linesman.

He said Dunlop would be interested in getting more deeply involved with soccer in the future.

"If Australia gets the organising rights of the 1981 Coca-Cola Youth World Cup, we'd like to be in that, too."

"We are also negotiating with the ASF to see how we can help with the future Socceroo sides."

Terry Seacy said Dunlop's \$40,000 "package" was initially for a two-year period.

"After that we'll see. But it's quite possible that the sum involved would increase."

"We see soccer as a fast growing sport and, being the largest manufacturers of sporting goods, we want to be part of it."



Leading referee Tony Boskovic modelling the new Dunlop outfit.

SEMIFINAL TEAMS

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BRUCE
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THOMSON
SOUNESS
STEVENSON
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St. George v Sydney City 1.00pm
University of NSW v Polonia 3.00pm

Sunday, March 11
AMPOL CUP FINAL

WEST ADELAIDE IS GOOD BET FOR AMPOL CUP

If the first semifinal of the Ampol Cup played between West Adelaide and Adelaide City is any indication of how they will perform in the PSL this coming season, watch out! Both Adelaide clubs are ready for a great year.

Both coaches used their best possible line-ups for the match.

West: Crook, Reynolds, McCulloch, Boyle (Dooley), Bozanic, Kambas, Jones, McGachey (Honeyman), Norris, McGregor and Zervas.

City: Marshall (Migliaccio), B. Nyskohus, Russell, Lister, Besir (Northcote), Perin, Muniz, Melta, J. Nyskohus, Iasiello and Marwe.



Azenor Muniz

Although West defeated Adelaide City by 3-1 by playing some outstanding power soccer, especially in the first half when they made good use of a strong wind and indeed scored all three goals, City were never outclassed.

Goal scorers were West: Jones (15m), Bozanic (20m) and McCulloch (23m). City reduced the lead in the first minute of the second half when Perin scored.

After the game City coach Rale Basic said: "Three dead-ball movements, three goals and we could not recover from the setback."

West's coach Tom Forde said: "We won, no more comments needed. We do our talking on the field."

Adelaide City played its semifinal match without top players like Dixie Deans (suspended), Jim Muir and Glenn Dodds (transfer hitches), Gary Marocchi and Fred Yung (unfit).

From Vic Migliaccio in Adelaide



Victor Bozanic

The SA Coaches' Association is now well established as an integral part of the local game. Membership has topped the 200 mark and it is interesting to note that of these no less than 66 per cent hold recognised coaching qualifications. On top of this 88 per cent of all members have attended some form of coaching course.

In the second Cup semifinal played last Friday night, Croatia beat Azzurri 3-2. Goal scorers: Croatia, Bendall (33m and 72m), Pope (15m); Azzurri, Smythe (4m), Lesan (63m).

Referee Nilo Rossetto was heavily criticised after his handling of the Azzurri-Croatia match. However, I believe the Referees' Appointment Committee should take much of the blame for placing Rossetto in a such comprising situation. After all Rossetto had already been the centre of controversy in the earlier clash between Azzurri and Polonia.

Friday night, the final of the 1979 Ampol Cup, should be very



Graham Honeyman

interesting with loads of excitement at Hindmarsh Stadium.

At 8pm Croatia, who could only finish third in the last season's Rothmans League, will play against the reigning PSL champions West Adelaide for the Cup, with a purse of \$4000 to the winner and \$2000 to the loser.

West must start favorites, but must be aware of Croatia's all-round potential headed by an astute coach David Jenkins.

This match promises to be a

good indicator as to the gap between a Rothmans State League club and a top PSL side.

Coach Jenkins has gone on record as saying that he believes at pre-season stage there is a little difference, but the gap widens with the PSL in front later in the season.

Adelaide Juventus Sports and Social Club presents a "night of champions" evening compered by "Bazza" and "Bilko" on Saturday, March 3, at the clubrooms. For tickets ring City's secretary, Anna, on 332-5109.

'GABBIE OPENS NEW STADIUM

Toongabbie's sparkling new football ground adjoining their centrally-placed club in Seven Hills will be jam-packed with fans on Sunday, March 18.

The opening game of the State League season will see their revamped team opposed to the clever Melita Eagles outfit in what is bound to be a cliffhanger.

At 3.10pm NSW Premier Neville Wran will officially declare the ground open.

Toongabbie — who may well become known soon as Blacktown City — are not without their political backers.

Local members John Armytage (Federal), Gordon Barnier and Ernie Quinn (State) all belong to the club.

Also present on the day will be Ken Booth, the very successful NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Tourism.

In attendance will be ASF president Sir Arthur George, secretary Brian Le Ferve, NSW president Karl Rodney and secretary Aulden Brown.

All the junior club presidents in the district will be part of the official party.

Reserve grade has been postponed to allow for an eye-catching junior march past and displays by Blacktown Caledonian Pipe Band, marching girls and Police Boys gymnasts.

Organisers expect a 5000 crowd, given good weather.

The ground in an eye-opener — equivalent to Barton Stadium except for the stand.

All change rooms allow plenty of room, and included is the Soccer Shop, managed by the club coach Mick Jones.

"We have it set up as good as any pro golf shop," said club football manager Bill Parkhouse.

With an eye to the future Mick Jones will be available to coach local juniors as well.

The ground itself will only be used for one full scale training run

each week, to preserve the surface.

Girraween Park will be used on other occasions, and in 1980 Toongabbie expect to use Ashley Brown Park, which adjoins their own ground.

Above the amenities block is the "penthouse" — the VIP lounge with press facilities and telephones — with a balcony along the front.

Toongabbie's social club is about to be extended with a 150-seat dining room, stage and games room.

W'gong awakening

Wollongong is surely the slumbering giant of Australian soccer.

Aside from distant Perth, it is the biggest Australian city outside the Phillips League.

Can it make a determined bid to gain a Phillips League place in 1980?

Late last year Laurie Kelly, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, visited Newcastle with Fraternity Social Club secretary Arthur Allen to closely check what is involved in establishing a major club.

He told us this week: "What we require is not much different to Newcastle United's approach."

"We have marked time over the summer. A steering committee should be set up, and we should see if funds are available for the venture."

Obviously Laurie Kelly will assist, but his public duties involve a big call on his time.

BRISBANE

— From Jim Binnie —

In a weekend that saw Brisbane City teams travel and far and wide to play trials, the teams had mixed fortunes.

The PSL side, with new signing Kevin Howe, travelled to Canberra to play the "new" City side who had been showing up well in other matches. Secretary Guido Canale reported that coach Saffich was very happy with the 2-2 result and even more pleased with giant striker Kelso's two goals. The big lad is obviously going to carry on from where he left off last year.

City also sent a strong side to North Queensland where they went down 0-1 to the Mareeba side that has nominated for the new State League. Local QSF officials were most gratified by the crowd that turned up for the game, a reported 1500. Crowds like this in other centres would almost guarantee success of the new concept.

Lions scaled down the level of their preparation when they

played another State League nominee, Gold Coast, and coasted to a comfortable 3-0 win. Craig Wallace, a tall, rangy centre forward, has been bought from Brisbane City, and with last year's leading scorer Alan Hughes returned from Hong Kong, coach Spearritt will be getting a fair idea of what his final team will be. Paul Laslo, who has been thinking over the new terms, has signed another contract, but Steve Amos has still to make up his mind.

Probably the most significant piece of news is that Lions have signed 'keeper Lowndes to a new three-year contract. Many had feared this lad would return to England at season's end, but indications are now that he has settled down and aims at becoming an Australian resident. Many shrewd judges of talent reckon this youngster has all the necessary requirements to make the "Australian job" his own, and from what has been seen in Phillips League in Brisbane this scribe would not argue the point.

CANBERRA

From Peter Kunz

Canberra City and Brisbane City played a 2-2 draw in a friendly match before a crowd of 3200 at Bruce Stadium last Sunday.

Canberra played without its three junior Socceros, Moulis, Hogg and Milovanovic, as they have yet to sign their contracts.

New import George Bailey looked sharp early in the match and in the eighth minute a snap shot of his shaved the crossbar.

Both teams had chances but in the 21st minute Barry Kelso broke the deadlock when he floated a ball above Steve Hoszowski's head.

This gave the Brisbane team the confidence to mount frequent attacks especially down the left wing where Brisbane's Low was constantly gaining the better of Keni Kawaleva.

During the second half, Canberra's coach Fernandez made three changes: George Bailey, marked tightly by Ratcliffe, was replaced by Kosta Talevski; Ivan Guicic was replaced by Bernie

Lustica; while Isaac Farrell was replaced by Mike Smith.

Talevski added spark to the forward line and only 13 minutes later was unlucky to hit the upright after a fine weaving run.

In the 72nd minute young Joe Arquero, playing only his second match in the PSL team, received a ball from John Davies and, rounding his defender brilliantly, fired an equaliser into the far corner.

This goal rejuvenated the spirit of the Canberra players and eight minutes later Terry Byrne calmly slotted the ball into the net after receiving a fine through-pass from Davies.

The jubilation of the crowd proved premature, as a minute later the big, bustling Barry Kelso squared accounts with a solid header.

Though lacking real class, the Brisbane team was a firm, combative unit and it is evident that tricky Low and powerful Kelso will be more than a match for most PSL teams.

The Canberra team performance, coming after the victory over South Melbourne the previous week, was disappointing.

The only player who had an outstanding game for the home side was John Davies who, revelling in a more attacking role than in previous seasons, passed superbly, laid on both Canberra's goals and was a tenacious and scheming dynamo in midfield.

Canberra City: Hoszowski, Stark, Kawaleva, Salgado, Farrell (Smith), Guicic (Lustica), Davies, Reis, Arquero, Bailey (Talevski), Byrne.

Brisbane City: Wishart, Rathmell, Perry, Gaffney, Potter, Pimblett, Ratcliffe, Caldwell (Coyne), Kelso, Low, Echeverria (Runje).

Lights of St. Marys

The \$20,000 floodlighting installation at Cook Park, St. Marys, was officially opened for business by the Hon. Ken Booth, MLA, the NSW Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism.

The brand new set-up has been checked out by referees' officials Jack Scarborough and Doug Rennie, who were delighted with the quality of the lighting for night games.

The \$20,000 was contributed by the Dept. of Sport and Recreation (\$8,000), Penrith City Council (\$5,000), and \$7,000 from Nepean District Soccer Association.

Opening night was Saturday, February 24, and two Umbro International Shield games were decided.

The lease of Cook Park is currently being finalised, and will be on a year round basis.

The excellent playing pitch was returned in 1978, when the ground was completely closed down.

Nepean is rapidly winning a reputation as one of the big go-ahead areas in Sydney soccer.

There is strong collaboration between the juniors and the Nepean Soccer Club.

Nepean Association president George Churchward has been asked to chair the senior club as well, so that policies can be co-ordinated.

The juniors are coming on famously.

Marconi, Sydney City and St George have been beating a path to the door of young forward Ian Hunter, recently in Paraguay with the Young Australia World Youth side.

Amongst the young brigade who are pushing ahead with Nepean are Stanley Lemanzky, Peter Lewis, Michael Harris and Tony Rasmussen, to mention but a few.

Behind them stands the father figure of Denes Adrigan, who coaches the club and acts as Nepean Director of Coaching.

The Nepean Soccer Club Ltd opened its doors in Borec House, Station St, Penrith, on December 11, 1977.

The chairman is Lee Kol, who is also president of the big Springfield Soccer Club.

The club already has 1700 members.

In spite of being little over one year old, it has this year provided the district association with \$2,000 to sponsor the junior representative teams for the year.

After a hassle with the NSW Federation, Nepean got the promotion it fought for and is one club in the 15-team First Division.

It may not be long before Nepean is up with the big improving districts, Sutherland, Ku-ring-gai and Manly, in a bid for higher honors still.

— K. Gilmour

TAA fly the good sports. It's better to fly with friends.



RUDI WON'T SUFFER FOOLS EASILY

Greg for stardom

Greg Woodhouse, the 18-year-old Junior Soccerroo who starred in the World Youth Cup in Paraguay, will not be satisfied until he is playing as a fulltime goalkeeper.

Australia's big job will be to hold him for the 1982 World Cup if he continues his recent rate of progress.

Sometimes Rudi Gutendorf has been quite direct to inspire him to move to the coach's satisfaction, but when he does there is no doubt that he is a sensation.

APIA have been indeed lucky to pick him up in the transfer deal with Western Suburbs.

Woodhouse owes a lot to his coach who started him off with St. John's club in the Sydney suburb of Seston.

He started at five years, and switched to goalkeeping at six.

West's grabbed him when he trialled, and there he came under the influence of the great Ron Lord.

This year he represented Young Australia in Paraguay and New Zealand, and the Australian Schoolboys against United States.

His room at the Seston home of his parents is chock full of his trophies, pennants and scrap-books.

It will be interesting to see how the records mount over the next few years!

— K. Gilmour

Ancient juniors

FIFA is at more of a disadvantage than Australian district associations when it comes to weeding out over-age players.

The Australian public is entitled to wonder how the world football code cannot cull those players from international tournaments.

Paraguay is reported to have played a stopper against the Young Australia team who "looked" every moment of 25 years of age.

FIFA Development Director Sepp Blatter put it this way when we questioned him in Sydney.

"We check all players' passports and in the normal course we must accept the age stated by the government of the country concerned."

"The records of FIFA are also examined, and those of the Confederation in which the players may have appeared."

"For instance, if a player has already appeared in an under-23 match and then plays under-20, the matter is examined."

Chile's under-20 team was recently jailed over forged passports, along with a government official.

Iran and Tunisia have also been fined \$A5000 for their breaches by FIFA.

"But," said Blatter, "if government officials issue a passport with an incorrect date of birth for an over-age player we can often do nothing."

And there are the "Fourth World" countries.

There the players often do not know their own birthdate, and there are no state records.

And so a government official puts down the guessed birthdate — and who knows if it is downgraded by a few years...

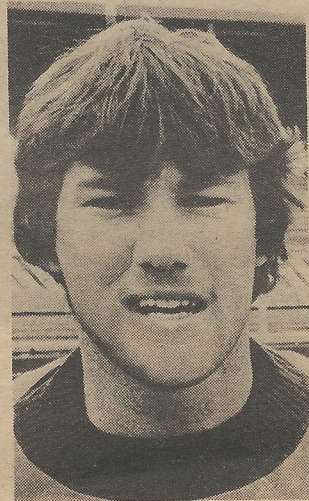
So far as Australia is concerned the matter should not be left to rest.

Deliberate cheating, when detected, could be penalised by disqualification, and countries involved would have to give every assurance that they will not transgress before they are admitted to FIFA ranks.

— K.G.

"I'm sorry if I stepped on a few toes — but it's difficult to work with amateurs" — this is Rudi Gutendorf's comment about complaints that he had been too tough if not rough on the recent South American tour.

"I know that some of my fellow officials will run to Sir Arthur George with exaggerated stories but I will also put in a report."



Woodhouse

"Of course I had clashes with them; you would have, too. "Because I was the only member of the party who could speak Spanish, everybody from the Press to hotel staff came to see me with all problems."

[In January we were told that Michael Weinstein was chosen as tour leader partly because of his command of Spanish — Editor.]

Gutendorf denied that his Press statements had made the Australian team hated by the Paraguay public.

"They treated Israel the same way; they are fanatical and wanted to win. But that's normal in South America — or almost anywhere else in the world."

He says his clashes with Weinstein, Dr. Pearson and Peter Van Rijn were on specific issues.

"They were supposed to do their job but only that and keep out of team problems."

"Perhaps we had too many officials and at times interfered just trying to do something to justify their trip."

"I know they meant well but I'm afraid that's not enough. A touring team needs strong

— By Andrew Dettre —

leadership, purpose, organisation and full co-operation.

"It cannot afford tourists."

There is no doubt that almost all members of the official party will submit a report to the ASF — and there will be vastly different interpretations of the actual events.

If Gutendorf has his way, several of the officials will have had their last overseas trip with an Australian team.



Tredinnick

On the other hand, Gutendorf is certain to come under heavy flak himself for his alleged "un-diplomatic" behaviour.

It is possible that the unsatisfactory "living conditions" in Asuncion contributed largely to the rapid build-up of tension at the team's headquarters.



Rudi Gutendorf.

The hotel had no recreational facilities for the team, apart from a TV set in the lounge.

Boredom, the perennial danger to touring teams, crept in without recreational activities.

"Because of the heat, we trained at 7am and then late evening," one member said.

"In between, the players ate and slept in their rooms."

From composite reports it emerges that only three players came through the ordeal with their reputation enhanced:



Hogg

Woodhouse, Hogg and Tredinnick.

All three have a good chance of making the new Soccerroo squad for 1979.

The disappointments were numerous: Christopoulos, Krncevic, Moulis, Milovanovic, Hall and Hunter head the list.

Kay, Selemidis, Davidson and Rowden gave acceptable performances.

Reports that we were "unlucky" to lose to Paraguay were roundly ridiculed by touring party members.

"Paraguay would beat us in Asuncion, in Sydney, on the moon; in heat or in a snowstorm," one said.

"They are two classes better than our full national side, never mind this young team."

"Paraguay has at least two world class players who could be sensations anywhere."

"Australia was on par with Israel though they were perhaps more fluid and constructive, due to higher skill rate."

● NEXT WEEK: Gutendorf's stock-taking after six months in Australia — a special interview.

Smalltalk

A few weeks ago one of Australia's greatest ex-international stars stood in the queue outside the Sportsground.

When he got to the ticket window, he paid his \$4, collected his ticket, walked through the turnstile and sat down to watch Wisla Krakow toy with an Australian XI.

And I'd say this is a total disgrace.

Australia is one of the very few countries which completely ignores its former national players the moment they pull off their jerseys.

All former internationals — and if you take 1965 at the dividing line, their number cannot be very great — should be honored guests at such games.

In fact, they should have a pass letting them in to all grounds. It's an amazingly coldblooded, apathetic attitude by the ASF which allows this situation to continue.

At the Krakow match, I bet at least 500 of the estimated 6000 spectators went in with free or complimentary tickets and passes.

Every reserve referees' inspector or back-up member of an appeals board carries one.

But not a Peter Wilson, Attila Abonyi and other all-time greats.

Isn't this farcical?

The ASF should take stock of its former internationals and establish a "club" for them.

Those who have played in 10, 25 or 50 matches for Australia should be given a gold, silver and bronze badge.

They and not some freeloaders should sit in the VIP seats; they should be invited to the halftime refreshment lounge, not all sorts of long forgotten obscure ex-officials.

Australian soccer is crying out for tradition — yet we ignore those who could establish it.

We need continuity and we need the active participation of former stars — yet we shun them.

And this includes even those who, perhaps a year or two ago, were doing their best for the Soccerroos.

We are not half as forgetful about former officials: You can see some in the VIP rows who have not done a scrap for soccer for 10 or 20 years.

Yet they get their invitation and free ticket for all internationals.

I wonder when will it dawn on our ASF executive — or the NSW executive, for that matter — that soccer is about players?

When Sir Arthur George steps down from his presidency, he is certain to be a distinguished guest at all our grounds — and rightly so.

But why doesn't this principle apply to a Wilson, Watkiss, Abonyi, Ackerley, Hughes and others who literally risked life and limb on the field for their country?

In Europe former internationals receive respect and VIP treatment once their glory days are over.

Why do we have to be so boorish about such small things — small things that typify our whole attitude to the game?

I would like to believe that all this has been due purely to oversight, the usual Australian lack of tact and finesse.

If so, the ASF and NSW can rectify the matter without further delay.

And, to make it easier for them, they can pretend that this reminder was never written.

— A.D.

English visitors

English Midlands club Aston Villa is the NSW Federation's first choice to tour Australia in May — together with Scotland ace Andy Gray.

The Federation thought the first offer through their agents Strata Tours was too high, leaving it open for Villa to come for a lesser figure.

If the tour eventuates they will play in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

They will also need two

matches in Asia to complete the itinerary.

Derby County are prepared to make amends for their 1978 lapse when they left NSW high and dry by pulling out at the last moment.

Queens Park Rangers, who last week transferred former England goalkeeper Phil Parkes to West Ham for \$1 million, have some real crowd-pleasers, including Leighton James, Don Givens and the mercurial Stan Bowles.

Leicester City is the other possibility.

— K. Gilmour

ASF STIRRING ON '81 CUP

— By Keith Gilmour —

us for their ability to handle big events, and who have already volunteered their services.

"The biggest job will be the promotional one, and we will be concentrating on requirements very shortly," he said.

Within a fortnight the ASF will sit down to map out the tasks and officers needed for the event.

The right people will handle accommodation, meals, internal travel, stadiums, training grounds, programs, bulletins to media and visiting groups, security, VIPs, etc.

Block ticket sales will need to be negotiated with soccer bodies.

The opening ceremony and the final need to be in the extravaganza class.

At this stage the ASF is investigating playing opening games at the same time in six cities, with top local political and vice-regal figures being invited to attend in each State.

The final will be a major promotion — and it could well be in Sydney and not Melbourne, in

spite of current rumors.

Stadiums involved are Sydney Cricket Ground, QE2 Stadium, Brisbane, Olympic Park

Final decision about the 1981 FIFA/Coca-Cola Youth World Cup will be made in May.

If Australia is given the rights, the ASF immediately sets up an extensive organising committee.

ASF secretary Brian Le Ferve would then visit Japan to study the organising details of the 1979 finals in August and September.

Grants by the various governments, Coca-Cola support and revenue from advertising and TV rights should cover the estimated cost of \$2.5 million.

It will be up to Australia to decide whether to hold the finals for 16 or 24 teams — and Australia's choice is certain to be 16.

Melbourne, Bruce Stadium, Canberra, International Sports Centre Newcastle, and an Adelaide ground to be decided.

Press facilities at Adelaide's main soccer grounds present a problem.

The overall cost could be \$2.5 million.

Coca-Cola pay external fares, the ASF accommodation, meals and internal travel.

Australia gets the gate receipts, merchandising rights, and TV if required.

FIFA obtain their expenses out of ground advertising, from whence Coca-Cola receive their spin-off.

The ASF would do well to send several officials who will be involved in organisation and promotion to Japan to see how the Japanese handle the 1979 finals.

If Australia does not have specialists to fully assess Japan's work we could be made to look like country bumpkins when our turn comes.

Officials should have dis-

cussions with the Commonwealth Games people who are handling the 1982 series in Brisbane and compare notes.

It is doubtful whether the ASF will be able to cater for the required numbers of media people.

Early estimates are of 50-100 reporters, whereas in Sydney and Melbourne this could represent the local contingent alone.

Major countries such as Japan and Italy could have big parties of Press and TV men, if they are successful in reaching the finals.

Bulletins would be required in many languages, including English, French, German, Spanish and one Slavic language.

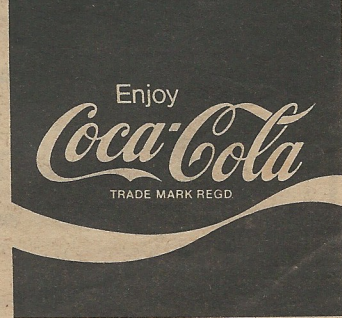
A big liaison effort with the amateur, junior and schools people is called for as well as link with all the senior and intermediate clubs, social and ethnic clubs, etc.

Above all, the Young Australia team will have to be so prepared that it will compete favorably with the cream of the world's youth footballers.



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MALTESE STARS TRAIN IN PARKING LOT

Land is the most precious commodity in tiny Malta whose 320,000 people squeeze into a small island 37 km long and 14 km wide.

As a result, parks and recreational areas are at a premium.

Malta's champion side, FC Valletta, for example, is forced to train on a concrete parking lot owned by a Ministry.

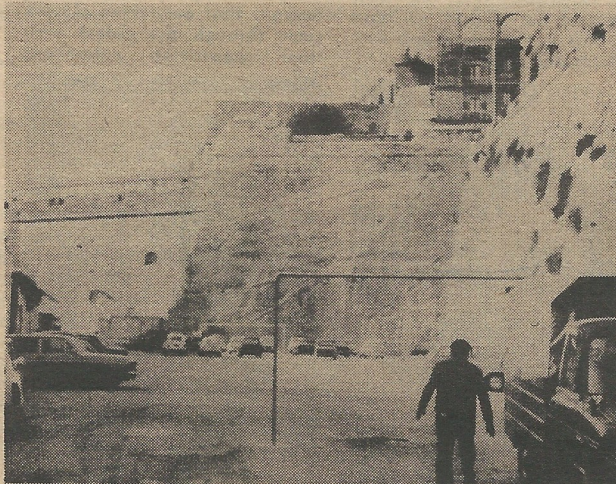
This is used by cars until 5pm — then it's made available to the club.

The area is only 80 metres long and 40 metres wide.

Coach John Calleja complains: "We can never practise corner kicks here."

"And when an employee of the Ministry of Trade works overtime and leaves his car in the park, we must train around the vehicle."

• Last Sunday in Valletta's Gzira stadium — whose surface is steel-hard dirt without a trace of grass — Malta held West German to a 0-0 draw.



FC Valletta's training ground — a city car park.

Sth. America's XI

The Caracas (Venezuela) daily, "El Mundo", followed the example of some of its European counterparts and conducted a ballot to find the best South American players of 1978.

Not surprisingly, perhaps, Mario Kempes of Argentina topped the poll, ahead of countryman Ubaldo Fillol and Dirceu of Brazil.

These were the other placings: 4, Passarella (Arg.); 5, Cubillas (Peru); 6, Figueroa (Chile); 7, Bochini (Arg.); 8, Cueto (Peru); 9, Rivelino (Brazil); 10, Ardiles (Arg.).

South Americans are often accused of incredible bias, so how about this: The Brazilian judge voted for Kempes!

Based on the votes, this would be South America's best team: Fillol, De los Santos (Brazil), Passarella, Figueroa, Tarantini (Arg.), Bochini, Cueto, Cubillas, Zico (Brazil), Kempes, Dirceu.

Not bad at all. This was the corresponding side of Europe for 1978: Hellstroem, Tresor, Krol, Bonhof, Cabrini, W. van de Kerkhof, Haan, Souness, Keegan, Krankl, Rensenbrink.

GERMAN CLUBS STUCK IN SNOW

Once again, West German clubs are seriously considering whether to ask their association to introduce a longer winter pause in the championship.

They claim that any unusually severe winter — like the current one — can push them to the brink of financial disaster, leaving the clubs without revenue for weeks.

Because of snow and ice, the Bundesliga has been turned upside down.

Some teams have played 20 games — others only 17 or 18.

A few try to arrange friendly matches to bring in some revenue — but only handfuls of spectators turn up in the freezing cold.



• VfB Stuttgart has become the fifth West German club to arrange a Japanese sponsorship: They have signed a contract with Canon. Others are Frankfurt (Minolta), Hamburg (Hitachi), Bremen (Pentax) and FC Koln (Pioneer), all ranging from \$150,000 to \$250,000 a year.

• Italy easily beat Holland 3-0 in Rome with goals by Bettiga, Rossi and Tardelli. The bad weather made Dutch preparations for the match difficult but the defeat is still rather shattering.

• In the Spanish derby, Barcelona beat Real Madrid 2-0. The crowd: 120,000.

• Peru's two internationals Oblitas and Rojas are likely to sign for an English club shortly.

• Gyorgy Szepesi, new president of the Hungarian FA, has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Hungarian Radio. Until recently he was its Bonn correspondent.

• In a friendly international in Tunis, Poland beat Tunisia 2-0 with goals by Olgada.

• Rumania and Bulgaria played a 1-1 draw in a friendly match in Sofia.

• The Spanish organising committee has decided that the opening game of the 1982 World Cup will be held in Barcelona and the final in Madrid.

• It's final: Dieter Hoeness will transfer from Stuttgart to Bayern Munchen at the end of the season on a four-year contract. The younger Hoeness will receive about \$135,000 a year.

• Dynamo Berlin have a seven-point lead in the East German championship ahead of Dynamo Dresden.

• It must be all a bit confusing: Malta's national side has two players by the name of Farrugia and three by Xuereb. And Sydney's Melita also has at least two Farrugias...

• Honved of Budapest and Austria Wien played a 0-0 in a friendly match in Budapest.

• It cost Celtic Glasgow a record \$1,250,000 to build its present team — compared with "only" \$700,000 by Glasgow Rangers.

• After having led the championship race for weeks, AEK Athens have been gradually slipping back. Warned president Loukas Barlos his coach Ferenc Puskas and his players: "We have lost too much ground so far; I will not tolerate this to continue."

• Bum-kun Cha, the German Damstadt's South Korean ace, who returned home early in the new year, is still in Seoul and may not go back to Europe. He left in such a hurry because of homesickness that he forgot to collect his \$700 wages.

• Netherlands' parliament has decided that it will not approve any financial aid for the hard-up pro clubs if the Dutch Association allows advertising logos on the players' shirts.

• The Republic of Ireland will meet West Germany in Dublin on May 22, not May 23, as originally planned.

• Because of their unsatisfactory standard, seven leading Yugoslav referees will be ineligible to be in charge of first division matches this year.

Czech boss happy

Joe Venglos, manager of Czechoslovakia, is satisfied with his team's recent Argentinian tour performances.

"It's unfortunate that our goalies lacked any self-confidence at all," he said, "as most of the goals we conceded were hit home from a fair distance."

"Of the defenders Gogh gave the best displays. Among the midfielders Stambacher is finding himself only slowly, Panenka played very well in two matches but Kozak was excellent throughout."

"Nehoda was our best striker but Gajdusek also pleased me."

Argentina's return visit to Prague will be on September 21.



Right: Dirceu of Brazil races into the action with Italian star Rossi.

Millions outlaid by Italian clubs

You can beat many things in soccer — but not the maddening Italian transfer fees.

Despite Trevor Francis' recent \$1.6 million move to Nottingham Forest, the Italians lead hands down.

The highest transfer there — and in the world — has been Paolo Rossi's, whose half share was sold by Juventus to Lanerossi Vicenza for \$1,400,000 — valuing the young striker at \$2,800,000.

Savoldi went from Bologna to Napoli for

\$2,600,000 and Juventus had to pay Cagliari \$2,230,000.

Even novice starlet Novellino cost AC Milan a cool \$2,100,000 when he joined them from Perugia.

But — are these figures really so crazy?

When the two Milanese clubs pack their San Siro stadium with 100,000 fans their gross taking is close to \$600,000.

About the total amount of the PSL sponsorship for three years.

MULLER QUILTS

Without waiting for the end of the season, a totally disenchanted Gerd Muller has suddenly retired.

He spent 15 seasons with Bayern Munchen, having been originally signed by the Yugoslav coach, Tshik Cajkovski, from a village team.

During his career with Bayern, Muller has won all sorts of honors, including one World Cup, one European Championship and three European Champions' Cups.

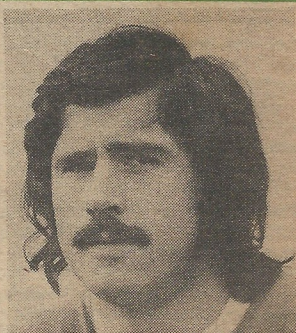
Rated as the best goal-getter of the post-war years, the short, stocky Muller has notched 501 goals in his career.

Still, his retirement may not be final: Muller has several tempting offers from US clubs.

If he decides to go, he will have to reimburse Bayern for the remainder of his contract.

In 1976, when Beckenbauer suddenly got up and left for New York, he had to return from his own pocket \$160,000 to Bayern.

Detroit and Chicago clubs are interested in Muller who could still be a sensation in the USA.



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